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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington, August 19, 1891.

*Doctor Sereno Watson,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.*

Dear Doctor Watson:

I had a long talk with Professor Goodale last night about the Herbarium and Holm's mission to Cambridge, and I find that we had quite misunderstood the amount of work which would be necessary upon the Herbarium. I had not thought that it would require more than six weeks or two months. When it comes, however, to a question of detaching Professor Ward's Assistant for a year or more, it raises serious difficulties, and I think that possibly we had better withdraw our request for a share of the Herbarium; at all events, it will be impossible for Holm to do it, and I will recall him at once.

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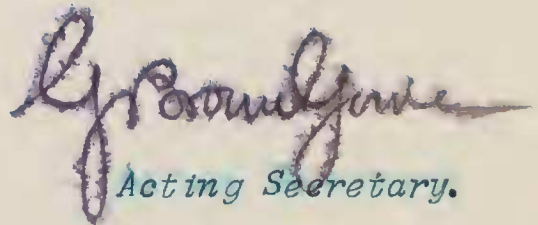
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*I do not know just how much money we can put
into the thing, but ^{we} possibly might cooperate with
the other Institutions interested, to the extent of
paying a part of the services of a man selected by
yourself for doing the work. Professor Goodale,
when he sees you, will tell you about our conver-
sation.*

Yours very truly,


Acting Secretary.